

## Appendix

### Conditions/circumstances that may result in a change in mental status or behavior

#### Physical

Medications  
Infection  
Pain  
Trauma  
Dehydration  
Urinary retention  
Fecal impaction  
Fluid/electrolyte disturbance  
Metabolic disturbance  
Hypo/hyperglycemia  
Hyper/hypothyroidism  
Seizure  
Stroke  
Cardiac disturbance  
Cancer  
Weight loss  
Surgery/Anesthesia  
Anemia  
Decreased oxygenization  
Alcohol/drug abuse  
Mental illness

#### Situational

Loss  
Admission/transfer  
Hospitalization  
Change  
Physical environment  
Interactions with others  
Communication problems  
Care structure/routines  
Activity  
Unmet needs  
Anxiety/Fear

### Medications that may affect mental status

Cardiac meds	Antihypertensive
Antidepressant	Psychoactive
Anticonvulsant	Antiemetic
Antihistamine	Decongestant
Sedative/sleep medication	Narcotic
Muscle relaxant	NSAID
Steroid	Immunosuppressant
Antineoplastic	Radiocontrast dye
H2 Blocker	Anticholinergic
Anti-Parkinson	Anti-diabetic
Antibiotic	

### RAPS with possible significance to changes in mental status/behavior

Delirium	Cognitive Loss/Dementia	Visual Function
Communication	ADL Functional/Rehabilitation	Urinary Incontinence
Mood State	Psychosocial Well-Being	Behavioral Symptoms
Activities	Dehydration/Fluid Maintenance	Nutritional Status
Falls	Dental Care	Pressure Ulcers
Psychotropic Drug Use		Physical Restraints